



Central Presbyterian Church
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Sunday, February 22, 2015
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

GREET THOSE AROUND YOU IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP #406

We Are Standing on Holy Ground

Sung 2 times

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 147

Nevada: "To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me."

People: **"Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long. Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old."**

Nevada: "Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O LORD!"

People: **"Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees."**

All: **"Let us give thanks and worship God!"**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN #833** *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*

FILLING THE BAPTISMAL FONT

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, our Creator, we pray for all of us, full of joys and sorrows, people Jesus came to serve. We confess our sins and ask for your forgiveness. Give hope to all who are seeking. Grant us your forgiveness and give us good hope in you. (Silent Prayer) We pray all our prayers in Jesus' name, Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON ("Lord, Have Mercy")

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, hear and believe the Good News!

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen!**

***GLORIA PATRI** ("Glory be to the Father") *Hymnal #581*

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

TIME WITH OUR YOUNG ONES

Preschool-aged children may go to the nursery after the children's message. Children of kindergarten age and above may remain in worship.

ANTHEM

We Know that Christ Is Raised

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 9:8 - 17

EPISTLE READING 1 Peter 3:18 - 22

GOSPEL READING Mark 9:2 - 9

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

David S. King

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from "The Confession of 1967"

see insert

***HYMN #166**

Lord Throughout These Forty Days

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Erhalt'uns, Herr, bei deinem Wort* Bach

***DOXOLOGY** ("Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow") *Hymnal #607*

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS (You are each encouraged to name those whom you love and for whom you pray.)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER (We use the wording "debts and debtors.")

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***RECESSIONAL HYMN #634** *To God Be the Glory*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE** *Pipings* Southbridge

EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

Go forth into the world rejoicing. Love and serve the Lord.

*** Those who are able, please stand.**

**** Please be seated and remain for the postlude if you can.**

Usher: Tommy Dunlap Lay Reader: Nevada Mills

Welcome to Central Presbyterian Church where we come together **to celebrate God's love, nurture growth, share our faith and serve the needs of others.** This Congregation opens wide its doors and our hearts and offers welcome to all in the name of Jesus Christ.

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The Session (Board of Elders)

<u>Class of 2015</u>	<u>Class of 2016</u>
Marty Shell	Nelson Buchanan
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Jewelie Mills	Nevada Mills
Laura Pierce (clerk)	Jemmie Moseley

Standing Committee Moderators

Jewelie Mills	
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Tommy Dunlap	Fellowship & Nurture
Nevada Mills	
Bill Detmers	Missions & Outreach
Jemmie Moseley	
Marty Shell	Worship & Music

Announcements

This Afternoon There Will be a special time for our younger kids, grades 5 and under. We will meet from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

All Are Invited on Saturday, February 28, to a party to celebrate Harrison Poss' first birthday! Amber and Ben hope you will join them from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Youth Building and help mark this special day with Baby Harrison.

The Session Will Have a Called Meeting next Sunday, March 1, following worship.

Thanks to All Who Have Sent recent updates to our list of prayer concerns. If you have love ones who need to be added or removed from the list, please contact the church office.

Genesis 9:8-17

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

1 Peter 3:18-22

For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you--not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Mark 1:9-15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

Affirmation of Faith from "The Confession of 1967"

In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful men. But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people. His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes. Many rejected him and demanded his death. In giving himself freely for them, he took upon himself the judgment under which all men stand convicted. God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all men.

God's reconciling act in Jesus Christ is a mystery which the Scriptures describe in various ways. It is called the sacrifice of a lamb, a shepherd's life given for his sheep, atonement by a priest; again it is ransom of a slave, payment of debt, vicarious satisfaction of a legal penalty, and victory over the powers of evil. These are expressions of a truth which remains beyond the reach of all theory in the depths of God's love for man. They reveal the gravity, cost, and sure achievement of God's reconciling work.

Notes on Today's Affirmation of Faith: from "The Confession of 1967"

Presbyterians are a "Confessing Church." We have adopted historic statements of faith such as "The Apostles Creed" and created others as a way of telling the world and reminding ourselves who we are, what we believe, and how we intend to live because of that. They do not take the place of the Bible and are intended to help us focus on the essentials of our faith made clear in the Bible. The Presbyterian Book of Confessions includes fourteen statements of faith, including familiar ones like "The Apostles Creed" and the "Longer" and "Shorter Catechisms."

"The Confession of 1967" was written as two major Presbyterian bodies were on a path toward becoming one. It spoke to a time of great stress in our country, as we tried to deal with an increasingly unpopular war in Vietnam, breaking down of long-standing racial barriers, and a growing movement for equality of women. It was built around the theme expressed by Paul in II Corinthians: "God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself." It begins with the paragraphs we read together this morning.

We Know that Christ Is Raised

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold,
And our despair he turned to blazing joy.
Hallelujah!

We share by water in his saving death.
Reborn, we share with him an Easter life,
As living members of our Savior Christ.
Hallelujah!

The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life.
The Spirit's fission shakes the Church of God.
Baptized, we live with God the Three in One.
Hallelujah!

A new creation comes to life and grows
As Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.
The universe restored and whole will sing:
Hallelujah!

CENTRAL PRAYER CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 22, 2015

MEMBERS:
Mary Wooten
Logan Mosley
Bernice and Gene Lackey
Hester Insley
Mary Kientz

Valerie Reichen
Bea Magee
Nell Horne
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FRIENDS AND RELATIVES:
Jane & Tim Reeves and Nikki & Daniel Voss,
relatives of the Cosner family
Judy Buchanan, *wife of Nelson Buchanan*
Doris McCoy, *mother of Kay Cromwell*
Ronnie Panks, *father of Bubba VonTungeln’s friend*
Rev. Jim Miller, *friend of the church*
Perry Reynolds, *friend of the Jane & David Judkins*
Betty Neal, *mother-in-law of Dana Neal*
Lori Partridge, *friend of Rose VonTungeln*
Mary Ward, *mother of Dana Neal*
Annette Knuckles, *co-worker of Tommy Dunlap*
Joshua Chambliss and family, *nephew of Rose and Suzy VonTungeln*
Juliet Walker, *sister of Bubba VonTungeln’s co-worker*
Judy and Larry Fetters, *friends of Rose VonTungeln*
Rhett Lunningham, *nephew of David Judkins*
Ryker Cheek, *nephew of Bubba VonTungeln*
Dad and Stepmom of Vance and Jennifer Freeman, *cousins of Amanda Chandler*

Betty Seymore, *aunt of Pat Drewett*
Mary McBee, *friend of Karen & David Perdue*
Johnny & Ginger McCaleb, *son and daughter–law of Donna McCaleb*
Brooke Wells, *granddaughter of Connie & Bill Detmers*
Monica Milligan, *mother-in-law of Michael VonTungeln*
Wanda Vining, *mother-in-law of Pat Drewett*
Cathy Risinger, *sister of Kay Cromwell*
Helen Gaunt, *sister-in-law of Mildred Gaunt*
Joe Ward, *uncle of Dana Neal*
Dan Loomis, *former pastor*
Matthew Stoddard, *nephew of Amanda Chandler’s co-worker*
John Hensley, *friend of Laura and Rick Pierce*
Kristina Ward, *friend of Amanda and Michael Chandler*
Franklin Ward, *uncle of Dana Neal*
Cissy Bailey, *sister-in-law of Betty Coles*

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FELLOW PRESBYTERIANS:
First, *Jacksonville*

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN AROUND THE WORLD